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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir.

In response to the Office Action mailed April 14, 2004, please reconsider the subject application in view of the following remarks and amendments.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Please replace the first sentence of the Specification with the following:

"This application is a Divisional application of compending Application Serial no. 10/236,749, filed September 6, 2002, now US Patent No. 6,706,925, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference."

Please replace paragraph [00012] with the following paragraph:

[00017] The radicals R⁷ to R¹² are, in particular, aryl, substituted or unsubstituted, alkyl-(C₁-C₈), which may be branched and/or substituted, alkoxy-(C₁-C₆), acyloxy-(C₁-C₈), [[Ophenyl]] O-phenyl, fluorine, chlorine, NO₂, NH₂, NHalkyl-(C₁-C₈), Nalkyl₂-(C₁-C₈), CN, CHO, SO₃H, SO₃R, SO₂NH₂, SO₂N(alkyl-(C₁-C₈))₂, SO₂-alkyl-(C₁-C₈), COO-alkyl-(C₁-C₈), CONH₂, CO-alkyl-(C₁-C₈), NHCHO, CF₃, 5-membered heteroaryl or 6-membered heteroaryl. Two radicals can also form a cyclic system which may contain heteroatoms.